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1. THE RESULTS OF THE DECEMBER 2 GREECE-EEC ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING HAVE RECEIVED A GENERALLY FAVORABLE REACTION IN ATHENS. THE GOG HAS TENDED TO ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE IN ITS PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND PLAY DOWN THE PROBLEM AREAS. THIS WEEKEND'S PLEBISCITE ON MONARCHY OR REPUBLIC AND ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS' PRESENCE IN THE GREEK CAPITAL HAVE TENDED TO DOMINATE PUBLIC ATTENTION. A MISCELLANY OF OBSERVATIONS ON THE AFTERMATH OF THE MEETING FOLLOWS.

2. GOG REACTION - MINISTER COORDINATION AND PLANNING PAPALIGOURAS HAS PUBLICLY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING, AND ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS PRIME
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MINISTER CARAMANLIS SHARES THIS VIEW. IN SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEWS

WITH GREEK AND FOREIGN PRESS PAPALIGOURAS UNDERLINED GREECE'S
DESIRE AND CAPACITY TO INTEGRATE FULLY WITH THE EEC WELL IN
ADVANCE OF 1984.

3. EXPANSION PROTOCOL - FONMIN REP COMMENTED TO EMBOFF THAT MAIN
STICKING POINT WAS WINE ISSUE. EEC PARTIES WISHED TO NEGOTIATE
NEW AGREEMENT FOR ENTRY GREEK WINE, WHICH WOULD APPLY TO ALL
NINE. GREEKS WISHED TO RETAIN CURRENT AGREEMENT, WITH INCLUSION
NEW THREE. ISSUE RESOLVED BY INCLUSION THREE IN CURRENT AGREEMENT
WITH PROVISION THAT TERMS WILL BE RENEGOTIATED AFTER TWO YEARS.
FONMIN REP STATED THAT NO BLOCK NOW EXISTS TO EXTENSION OF
ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT AND THAT GREECE HOPES FOR FORMAL EXTENSION
ASAP.

4. EIB LOANS - GOG HAS ANNOUNCED THAT EIB TEAM WILL ARRIVE IN
MID-DECEMBER TO DISCUSS DETAILS ON OUTSTANDING \$56.7 MILLION FROM
FIRST FINANCIAL PROTOCOL. GREEKS HAVE BEEN CLOSE-MOUTHED ON THEIR
EXPECTATIONS FOR SECOND FINANCIAL PROTOCOL, DETAILS OF WHICH
TO BE WORKED OUT BY SUB-MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE.
USUALLY WELL-INFORMED LOCAL FRENCH EMBASSY SOURCE COMMENTED THAT
\$125 MILLION MIGHT BE MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE FIGURE.

5. HARMONIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL POLICIES - FONMIN REP INDICATED
THAT GREEKS EXPECT SOME HARD BARGAINING WITH RESPECT TO SPECIAL
PROTOCOL FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, BUT DO NOT FORESEE GREAT
DIFFICULTIES ON NEGOTIATIONS ON EGGS, POULTRY, CEREALS, AND PORK.

6. COMMENT - CONCRETE ACHIEVEMENTS OF DEC. 2 MEETING WERE VERY
LIMITED, PARTICULARLY SINCE REACTIVATION OF AGREEMENT AND UN-
FREEZING OF \$56.7 MILLION IN EIB FUNDS WERE FOREGONE CONCLUSIONS.
NOTWITHSTANDING SCANT PRACTICAL RESULTS, MEETING ITSELF A USEFUL
SYMBOL OF GREECE'S MOVEMENT TOWARD WESTERN EUROPE, AND AT LEAST
HAS SET IN MOTION THE PROCESSES WHICH WILL REGULARIZE THE GREEK-
EEC ASSOCIATION AND EVENTUALLY SHOULD LEAD TO HARMONIZATION AND
INTEGRATION.
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